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In re the Application of: **Hiroshi HASEGAWA, et al.**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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